

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Lou Sotelo and Amy Viering. Absent: Alderman Linda Marley.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Director of Financial Services Cindy Von Holten, Building and Zoning Superintendent Amanda Schmidt, Fire Administrative Captain Mike Dettman, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Javier Padilla reported that road and curb construction is to begin at Sterling High School during the week of May 17. Padilla believes it would be beneficial to delay that construction until May 22, after final exams are completed. Manager Shumard stated that he would check on the schedule and didn't foresee a problem with rescheduling.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- A) Minutes from the February 4, 2013 Council meeting
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$583,524.28
- C) Partial Pay Request #8 for City Hall remodeling project to Sjostrom & Sons in the amount of \$719,867.44
- D) Change Order #3 for City Hall remodeling project in the amount of \$15,992.46

The motion was seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Sotelo, and Viering. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee recognized Sergeant Dennis Swinton for 26 years of service with the Sterling Police Department. Swinton served as a Patrol Officer, Blackhawk Area Task Force Officer, Detective, and Sterling's first K-9 Officer. Swinton's retirement will be effective February 5, 2013. Mayor Lee met Swinton shortly after becoming Mayor and appreciated Swinton's initiative for introducing himself.

Mayor Lee recognized Jeff Mohr for his promotion to Sergeant. Mohr served as School Resource Officer and has organized and participated in the Wallace Park Neighborhood Watch. Mohr is a Field Training officer and has been running a shift as a designated officer in charge for the past year. Alderman Martin is pleased to see this promotion because he has worked well with Mohr on the Wallace Park Neighborhood Watch.

Alderman Viering made a motion to approve **Resolution #R2013-02-03 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Estate** of two houses in the NSP2 grant

program, located at 410 West Ninth Street and 1410 East 14th Street; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Sotelo and Viering. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Shumard announced that he would be heading to Chicago for a meeting Monday for a dredging demonstration. The asbestos removal has begun at the old theater. Gary Anderson Architects will be presenting information at a meeting during March on the Lawrence Brothers Building and development along the riverfront.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk